

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the captioned application:

Listing of Claims:

- Claim 1. (cancelled)
- Claim 2. (previously amended) The composition of claim 5 wherein the composition is admixed in a comestible.
- Claim 3. (original) The composition of claim 2 wherein the comestible is selected from the group consisting of margarine, spreads, dressings, and oils.
- Claim 4. (original) The composition of claim 2 wherein the comestible is aqueous based.
- Claim 5. (amended) A composition comprising
an alcohol having an average length of from about C₂₀-C₂₆ in a amount sufficient to reduce cholesterol in a vertebrae;
said alcohol encapsulated in a food grade acceptable material selected from the group consisting of coating polymers, waxes and plasticizers, wherein the weight ratio of alcohol to the food grade acceptable material is from about 1:4 to about 10:1 and the encapsulated alcohol has a diameter of less than about 200 microns.
- Claim 6. (original) The composition of claim 5 wherein the food grade material is a cellulosic.
- Claim 7. (original) The composition of claim 2 which additionally contains a second cholesterol reducing agent in an amount sufficient to reduce the cholesterol level in a human being.
- Claim 8. (original) The composition of claim 7 wherein the second cholesterol reducing agent is selected from the group consisting of sterols, stanols, sterol esters, stanol esters and oryzanol
- Claims 9-12 (cancelled)
- Claim 13. (previously amended) A method for reducing cholesterol in a vertebrate comprising administering an effective amount of the composition of claim 5.
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